

**JULY 2019 EDITION** 

## **Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater**

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#### **BRANCH VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT SHINE BRITE**

It was all hands on deck on Saturday June 8, as close to 30 volunteers from Branch 270 worked long hours in support of the Shine Brite Festival, a fundraiser for various local children's charities. In addition to operating the licenced bar setup inside the Coldwater arena, Legion members helped with the distribution and control of communication equipment and the manning of temporary road blocks. Running from noon to midnight on the Saturday, the event featured nine tribute bands including Hells Bells, Practically Hip and Early Elton. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Orillia Youth Centre, the Coldwater Youth Centre, Cody's House Youth Mental Health Centre, and Mikey's Place for Autism. Seen below in the photo are Comrade Maggie Murphy (left), branch coordinator for the event, and Barb Kingsborough, who managed the communication equipment. Thank you to all who contributed to the successful operation.





#### **HAPPY CANADA DAY!**

It was a tough job, but someone had to do it! Pie eating contestant Dan Barrett (above) gave it his best shot, but fell short of winning the Canada Day Pie Eating Contest run by Branch 270 volunteers. Members of the Coldwater Branch took part in the community celebration of Canada Day, coordinating the water balloon toss contest for kids, and the pie eating contest for the not so young. Members also manned the bouncy castles on the main street and set-up a temporary patio in the Legion's parking area for the occasion. Thank you to all volunteers who helped make this year's July 1st a great event. Happy Canada Day everyone!

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Canada Day everyone! Yes, July already. And we're still waiting for a real summer to start. Oh well. Looking back on the month of June, it's hard to believe how much we've accomplished, both on the Legion front and in the community. We began the month with a trip to Midland to attend an Air Cadet



ceremony and present the squadron a cheque for \$500 in support of their activities, something we're hoping to make an annual event.

The next day, June 2, we had our Honours & Awards ceremony, held jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary. Service pins, Legion medals, Certificates of Appreciation and Merit, in all, dozens of awards were presented to recognize some of our deserving members. Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to the organisers.

Less than a week later, on June 8, several volunteers from the branch worked long hours in support of the Shine Brite Festival. This operation can only be described as a spectacular display of teamwork! We had close to 30 volunteers, mostly from the branch, and every member of the Executive took an active part. Congratulations and thank you all who took part. Kudos in particular to our own Maggie Murphy who lead the team throughout the operation.

And then there was our participation in the annual Decoration Day Service at the Coldwater Cemetery. Once again this year, we pulled it off. The beautiful weather certainly helped in getting more attendance, and this year we had the pleasure of having with us two members of 724 "Midland Lions" Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron: Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael Bennett, as piper, and Flight Sergeant Holden Cunningham on drums. Thank you all who participated or attended.

Finally, Canada Day. Our contribution to the village effort this year was with running the water balloon throwing contest, and the pie-eating contest. A little less stressful than last year's dunk tank, and our favourite "dunkee" Wayne Tutt didn't complain. Maggie had arranged for a patio in our parking lot, something we may want to consider repeating on other summer events.

For those of you who are willing and able to march as part of a Colour Party, we have two events coming up this summer, the Scottish Festival in Orillia on July 20, and the Warriors Day Parade in Toronto on August 17. If interested, please let me or someone on the Executive know.

Of course, marching with a flag is not the only way you can support your branch. There are many ways you can help. It goes from volunteering for branch committees or projects, to simple things like bringing-in your Foodland receipts for which the Ladies Auxiliary receives a credit. If you think you could help with branch activities, please let us know.

I wish I could close this column on a happy note. Unfortunately, I've been informed of the passing of our good friend Pat Sinclair. Pat, along with her husband George, has made a tremendous contribution to the branch in so many areas, including participating in the Poppy campaign and coordinating Youth Education activities. She was particularly known (and recently recognized) for her part in running the monthly Meat Draw at the branch. She will be missed. George is surrounded by many friends and family at this time, with more family members on their way. On behalf of the members of Branch 270 Coldwater, I offer our sincere condolences to George and his family. A Celebration of Life and Legion Service will take place at the Branch on Sunday July 7, visits starting at 1 p.m., Legion Service at 2 p.m. Flags will be lowered to half-mast from now until the service on Sunday.

Yours in Comradeship, Norm Marion, President

## THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the award-winning newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairpersons disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion.

Committee reports and pre-arranged articles must be received no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO — Maple Leaf at branch270@rogers.com.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall at 6:30 p.m.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Submitted by Comrade Dave Robitaille, Branch Sgt-at-Arms If you wish to take part in our regular branch parades, whether with the Colour Party or as a marcher, please let me know: (705) 241-6415.

#### SICK & VISITING REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairperson

Tom Thompson is now back home, but Bob Rice is still at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial. Phone calls and visits are welcome. I have been keeping in touch with those I know are ill or not well. If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership Chairperson & 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Hello comrades. As of today, we have 272 members at our branch. The breakdown is as follows: Life 4, Ordinary 42, Associate 143, and Affiliate 83. Welcome to new Ordinary member Gordon Ingraham. Gordon is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. And welcome to new Associate members Susan Plue, and Michael Plue.

I need assistance in identifying past members who were recipients of the Legionnaire of the Year Award at Branch 270. Records were not kept in the past. We have purchased a plaque, on which I will have the names and year of the recipients engraved. This plaque will be mounted on the wall in the main entrance. I would like to have this completed by September 1. We are still waiting on delivery of the armour stone for the cenotaph area.

When it arrives, I will be asking for a few members to assist me in the placement of the slabs. See you at the Branch!

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE: Many photos with captions about the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Honours & Awards ceremony, D-Day commemoration, and the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Decoration Day service have been posted on our Facebook page, website and on the BIDDY. This is great exposure for the branch.

DONATION TO 724 AIR CADET SQUADRON: A cheque for \$500 was presented to the 724 "Midland Lions" Air Cadet Squadron on a parade on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A photo of the presentation was sent to the Legion Magazine (see photo on this page).

SCRAPBOOK & MAPLE LEAF: The Branch Scrapbook for the period 2018-2019 is complete and was sent to the District PRO for entry in the annual competition. And three selected issues of the Maple Leaf were also sent for the annual Bulletin competition.

RADIO SPOTS: The branch has joined in with a new Coldwater BIA publicity initiative that includes generic "Welcome to Coldwater" CTV ads (already running), and more specific radio spots, some of which will mention the Coldwater Legion.



June 1, 2019, in Midland, Ont. Presenting a cheque for \$500 to 724 "Midland Lions" Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, are, left to right: Coldwater Branch Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Robitaille; Branch President Norm Marion; and 724 Squadron Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Megan McKinnon.

#### This month we remember

## **Beaumont-Hamel**

This month we remember the young men of the Newfoundland Regiment. Of all the battles that the regiment fought during the First World War, none was as devastating or as defining as the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The losses sustained by the Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1, 1916, were staggering. Of the some 800 Newfoundlanders who went into battle that morning, only 68 were able to answer the roll call the next day, with more than 700 killed, wounded or missing. The dead included 14 sets of brothers, including four lieutenants from the Ayre family of St. John's. The Newfoundland Regiment would be practically wiped out, but the survivors would continue to see action in the fighting and reinforcements would come to help rebuild the regiment.

Source: Veterans Affairs Canada

#### **SPORTS OFFICER REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Dean McArthur, Sports Officer Comrades,

I have been in touch with Comrade Bob Gourlie, past Branch Sports Officer and current Zone Sports Officer, and will continue to use him as a resource. I will be contacting other Branch sports officers in our Zone in an effort to work together in planning events so we can avoid overlapping events.

#### TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Annie McArthur, Treasurer
As of Tuesday June 25, 2019, there was \$11,393.27 in the
General Account, Building Account \$7,001.27 and the
Nevada Account \$438.66.

#### **POPPY REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Poppy Chairperson

Thank you to Wanda Beaudoin for the new map/site guide for veterans' graves at the Coldwater Cemetery. The placement of crosses at those graves this year was much easier and those who turned out to help were surprised at how quickly this assignment was completed. Thank you Wanda.

It was lovely weather for the Decoration Day service on Sunday, the 23rd of June. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary ladies who prepared the light lunch for those who returned to the branch after placing flags at the gravesides.

It was my pleasure to accompany Comrade George Collins and his wife Patty when honouring many of those veterans at their graveside. Thank you Comrade George.

Also, on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be hosting a group of Naval veterans while listening to tales of the antics they took part in during their 'active' days. Branch veterans, please feel free to come in and join in the storytelling while munching down on some pizza and wings.



Comrade George Collins (left) and Betty-Jean Murray salute after placing a flag at a veteran's grave.

#### **BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian COMMEMORATION OF D-DAY: We had a small wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph on June 6 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings. Thank you to those who participated. Earlier in the week, a framed print of a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary painting representing the airborne side of the operation was donated to the branch by the branch three Airborne Veterans, Comrades Norm Marion, Randy Rice, and Rick Morse.

ROSE BUSH MYSTERY SOLVED: The mystery surrounding our rose bush at the Cenotaph has been solved, thanks to Comrade George Collins. We were told that the roses had a special significance, possibly related to the Navy, but couldn't find any record of the planting. Comrade George provided the answer: the special roses are called "AC Navy Lady" and were named after the thousands of women who served with the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS), better known as Wrens, and their successors in the post-war era. Developed by Agriculture Canada, the rose received a special place in history in 2010, just in time for the Canadian Naval Centennial. Our own rose bush, here, in Coldwater, was planted on July 1st 2010 to mark that anniversary.



Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day with a special presentation, left to right, the three "jumpers" of the branch: Randy Rice; Norm Marion; and Rick Morse, with the print of the painting "Out of the Clouds" by war artist Roger Chabot.

#### WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Carol Baird, Entertainment/Ways & Means Chairperson

July is back to being quiet in the branch as everybody does their things for the summer. We do have a few events I am hoping you will support. We have a Newfoundland Day on July 20th. We have a lot of events planned for that day. We have a Newfoundland couple doing a "screech in". That is going to be fun. The canteen will be serving Newfoundland Fries. We also have some potato chips and crunchins only available in Newfoundland. The band is very good. They are originally from Newfoundland, but they are coming up from Toronto. Alex Seaward, Albert McDonald and Joe Sexton on the squeezebox, from 2 to 6 p.m. They do a wide variety of music. On the 27th we have Jammin' at the Legion hosted by Clarence Cole, also from 2 to 6. See you in the Club Room.

#### SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer
Did you know that during the Afghan War, 2001-2014,
40,000 Canadians served in Afghanistan alongside their
NATO comrades. Of those Canadians approximately 6,700
suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries (PTSD) related
injuries and are receiving benefits from Veterans Affairs
Canada. During the First World War, PTSD was known as
shell shock, and during the Second World War it was
referred to as battle or combat fatigue. PTSD is an unseen
wound and must be diagnosed to facilitate treatment.

My contact info is as follows: (705) 816-0110, or <a href="mailto:ricerandolph@gmail.com">ricerandolph@gmail.com</a> All correspondence is strictly confidential.

## Congratulations to the winners of our

## June 8 Meat Roll

- 1. Judy Walker
- 2. John Fowler
- 3. T. Price
- 4. Rick Packer
- 5. T. Price
- 6. Betty-Anne Burnie
- 7. John Fowler
- 8. Giselle Bodkin
- 9. Carl Malolly
- 10. Yvonne Board
- 11. Cathy Larkins

#### Quote of the Month

"It was a magnificent display of trained and disciplined valour, and its assault only failed of success because dead men can advance no further."

- Major-General Sir Beauvoir De Lisle, referring to the Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel

#### **BUILDING MANAGER REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Garry Lovelace, Building Manager The tripping hazard at the office door will be fixed shortly. Information needs to be obtained from the canteen fire extinguisher and another needs to be purchased for upstairs kitchen. All the information for the roof replacement is in and the air conditioner replacement on hold until we get information on the grant submission. One set of stage lights has been installed and the other will be shortly. The electrical panel will be looked at and labeled accordingly.

#### **BAR MANAGER REPORT**

Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager Thanks to all the volunteers for their help with the Shine Brite Festival. It was a great day. We are still having our Apps and Draught in the Club Room, so come on in and enjoy. We had a small patio set up in the parking lot for our July 1st celebrations. Thank you to John Morrow and John Fowler for their great idea for fencing around. This is a fence we can use over again whenever we decide to have a patio outside. Thank you to all the volunteers who keep coming out to support our events.

#### **HONOURS & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater and the branch's Ladies Auxiliary held a joint Honours & Awards banquet on Sunday June 2, 2019. Legion Service pins, Certificates of Appreciation & Merit, Past Office Medals and Branch Service Medals were presented to deserving members of the branch and the Ladies Auxiliary, as well as to some members of the community. The event also included the announcement of the winners of the Legion's (Ontario Command) very first Seniors Literary Competition and the presentation of awards in the Poetry, Essay, Short Story, and Memoir categories. Congratulations to winners and participants of the competition, and to all honours and awards recipients! The event also included a special presentation to the branch by the three "Jumpers", or Airborne forces veterans of the branch, who donated a



print of a painting commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings and supporting airborne operations.



Branch member and Veteran Roger Pratt (center) is presented his Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) for service in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rafah, Egypt, by Branch President Norm Marion (left) and Branch Veteran Service Officer Randy Rice. The CPSM is a Canadian recognition for service in peacekeeping missions.

## **MORE HONOURS & AWARDS!**



LEFT: The award winners and runners-up of the Legion's (Ontario Command) first Seniors Literary Contest, left to right: Contest coordinator, Betty-Jean Murray; special guest Past Provincial President (Ontario Command) Sharon McKeown; winners and runners-up Grace Willmott; Dianne Skinner; Rosalie Pratt; Margot Strongitharm; George Sinclair; and William Stark.

RIGHT: Branch President Norm Marion (right) is presented the Branch Legionnaire of the Year 2018 Award by Branch 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Wayne Tutt.



LEFT: Branch member Brian Strong (right) is presented a Branch Certificate of Appreciation by Veterans Service Officer Randy Rice.

RIGHT: The recipients of a Ladies Auxiliary
Certificate of Appreciation, left to right: Carol
Worgan; Maggie Murphy; Betty-Anne Burnie; Linda
Tucker; Phil Jones; Pat Sinclair; Pat Murphy; Jack
Lauder; and George Sinclair.





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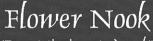
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#### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

Submitted by Comrade Anne McArthur, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 270



Greetings everyone.

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer, now that the nice weather is finally here.

Thank you to Jane Lauder and Janis Cronin for making the luncheon for Decoration Day. It was a beautiful day for this.

There are no General Meetings for the summer, but if you have any concerns please contact me anytime and we will work together to solve things. We will be having an Executive Meeting on Tuesday August 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Branch.

The long awaited cleaning day for the kitchen will be Thursday July 18 at 10 a.m. If you feel in the cleaning mode, come and join us.

The General Meeting on Tuesday September 17, 2019, starts at 6 p.m. with a Chinese meal, with the meeting to follow after.

Throughout the summer there are a number of events planned at the Branch and we hope that you come out and enjoy comradeship and music.

We are hoping to see you at the September General Meeting.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more" H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Yours in Comradeship, Anne McArthur, LA President Branch 270 Royal Canadian Legion Coldwater Branch Ladies Auxiliary

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At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Honours & Awards ceremony, Ladies Auxiliary member Jane Lauder (right) is presented a Branch Service Medal by President of the Ladies Auxiliary Annie McArthur. The medal is awarded to recognize significant level of service over and above the requirements of the member's office duties. Jane also received a Certificate of Merit from the Ladies Auxiliary.



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## INTRODUCING VETERAN ALLEN (TOM) THOMPSON

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

In 1957, Comrade Tom did not know he would be in service to our country until 1992. His call to duty can be traced back to his family's military history, to the Boer War.

Originally from Bracebridge, Comrade Tom moved to Toronto. Along with some buddies he decided to 'checkout' the Air Force but they weren't hiring and it was suggested that they cross the street to the Naval Office. One hundred five men were recruited as cooks!

Twenty-two ships later (ten of these were Second World War era), Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Thompson has many travel tales. Comrade Tom has circled our globe five plus times and visited most countries with the exception of communist bloc nations.

Comrade Tom has served on the East and West Coast of Canada; spent five years in Kingston on Recruiting; experienced two tours of duty in Damascus, Syria; worked on 1 Squadron Staff on the East Coast and 2 Squadron Staff on the West Coast. He has served in the Canadian Arctic, visited the Orient, South America along the Eastern seaboard and the Caribbean. In addition to managing a large staff at various naval bases, Comrade Tom was in charge of rewriting the Canadian Forces Diving Manual for the United Nations (Fleet Diving Unit – Pacific).

Comrade Tom vividly recalls his early days as exciting, strict and rigorous. His first trip was to Lagos, Nigeria to guard the CANDU Reactor prototype. Landing in Lagos was 'like visiting another world; it was a bustling metropolis; the people were very active, musical." He has no complaints about life in the Navy. Food was plentiful, better than expected and they had all the necessary tools to do the job. The occasional stress (due to large war-time exercises) was relieved by opportunities to sight-see at their many ports-of call and by kind offers to visit local families.

Comrade Tom sustained a minor injury in Lebanon and was once washed over-board into shark-infested waters where two of his shipmates succumbed to these predators.

Sharing his most memorable experience, Comrade Tom said it was when he was the Administrator for the Esquimalt (Naval Base in Victoria, British Columbia) 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Military Tattoo. As well, he was on staff at the Royal International Nova Scotia Tattoo in 1987.

Chief Petty Officer Thompson is recipient of these medals: the Canadian Forces Decoration – 35 years; Confederation Medal; Queen's Silver Jubilee; Canada 125; UNDOFM (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force Medal (two tours); Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal; and Special Service Medal. To this last one, add the NATO Bar, and the Humanitas Bar (for service in Haiti).



Chief Petty Officer  $2^{nd}$  Class Tom Thompson in his Navy days.

As a past member of several Legion Branches, Comrade Tom counts the following Royal Canadian Legion Medals: Branch Past Office Medal; Fifty-year Service Medal (with 55 year bar); Branch Service Medal; Legion 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal; Legion 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal; Legion 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal; Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal and Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Medal.

Comrade Tom shared that his military experiences influenced his thinking about peace, life choices and allowed him to "keep an open mind and broadened my horizon ten-fold."

Comrade Tom was in Victoria, British Columbia when he retired from the military. He pursued work with a chemical company and was the Assistant Manager of the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.

He maintains friendships with past military, Legion and industry personnel. His liaisons include being the historian for HMCS Haida, and Member Friends HMCS Haida – Flagship of RCN (Hamilton, Ont.)

Bringing this interview to a close, Comrade Tom shared that "the Legion is a fraternal organization and it should be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. Our Branch is remarkable in that people are basically very friendly."

Comrade Tom, we thank you for your service.



DAY!!

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#### June 11

High Hand – Jean Carson Lone Hand – Lloyd Sibley Low Hand – Bill Stock Prize – Jean Carson

#### June 18

High Hand – Betty-Anne Burnie Lone Hand – Jean Carson Low Hand – Georgie Waterson Prize – Ann Stock

#### June 28

Ladies High Hand – Ann Stock Ladies Lone Hand – Jean Carson Ladies Low Hand – Joyce Witmer Men's High Hand – Roger Sibley Men's Lone Hand – Lloyd Sibley Men's Low Hand – Walter Ewald Prize – Vicki Watson

#### **TUESDAY NIGHT POOL**

#### June 4 (wins)

Larry Hutchinson (4) Dean McArthur (3) Teresa Beniston (1) Louise Dearman (1) Kari Malmstrom (1)

#### June 11 (wins)

Kari Malmstrom (4) Tom Dearman (3) Louise Dearman (1) Larry Hutchinson (1) Marcie Wilson (1)

#### June 18 (wins)

Larry Clarke (3 ½) Maggie Murphy (2) Tom Dearman (1 ½) Teresa Beniston (1) Louise Dearman (1) Dean McArthur (1)

#### June 25 (wins)

Tom Dearman (3)
Larry Hutchinson (2)
Glen Archer (1)
Larry Clarke (1)
Dean McArthur (1)
Maggie Murphy (1)
Marcie Wilson (1)

#### THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

#### June 6

1<sup>st</sup> – Magda & Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> – Betty-Anne & Larry 3<sup>rd</sup> – Heather & Dean Sunshine - Betty-Anne

#### June 13

1<sup>st</sup> – Larry & Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vickie & Maggie 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terrie & Heather Sunshine - Brian

#### June 20

1<sup>st</sup> – Betty-Anne & Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marion & Lloyd 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vickie & Dean Sunshine - Lloyd

#### FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

#### May 31

1. Ralph 2. John

3. Bob

4. Chris

5. Gene

6. Kari

Sunshine - John

#### June 7

1. Barb

2. Cathy

3. Cathy

4. Frank

5. Barb6. Kari

Sunshine – Lorne

#### June 14

1. Gail

2. Gaëtanne

3. Dianne

4. Anne

5. Gail

6. John S.

Sunshine - Gaëtanne

#### June 21

1. Larry

2. Larry C.

3. Pinhead

4. Glen

5. Kari

6. Gene

Sunshine - Glen

#### June 28

1. Grace

2. Gill

3. Frank

4. Grant

5. Peter

6. Angie

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	Canada Day!	2	e	4	S	9
	Live music with <i>In a Nutshell</i> Starts 2 pm	Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm		Shuffleboard 1 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm	Navy Vets visit 2 pm
7	8	6	10	11	12	13
CLOSED  Celebration of Life for Pat Sinclair 1 – 4 pm	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm	Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	Shuffleboard 1 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CLOSED	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm		Shuffleboard 1 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm	Live music for Newfoundland Day at the branch Starts 2 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CLOSED	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm		Shuffleboard 1 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm	Jammin' at Legion Starts 2 pm
28	29	30	31			
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